Flower Garden: Lotus X Rose
– Love in the Cold
By
Lotus 21

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- Story Notes -

- This is the second story in the "Flower Garden" *meta*-series.
- It's the holidays of 2025 when I wrote this story to help *me* get over *my* writer's block.

[Start Story]

[Location: Dollar General]

> Lotus was looking for some Yugioh cards, hoping to finish making their 60-card deck. It was christmas eve and they kept hoping that Ruby wouldn't try to guess what they got her.

Lotus 21: "I really hope this pack has 'Dark Magician Girl'."

> Lotus bought it and was on their way home.

Lotus 21: (I wonder what Ruby is doing now...maybe making cookies.)

> Lotus opened the door and found the smell of freshly baked cookies.

Ruby Rose: "Oh, Lotus, you're home!"

Lotus 21: "Yeah, i see you made cookies...some for me?"

Ruby Rose: "Of course! hope you like chocolate chip!"

Lotus 21: "I love chocolate chip, and you didn't open your gift did you?"

Ruby Rose: *Gasp* "Never! i would never do that...with you i mean."

Lotus 21: "Thanks but i'm not sure how Yang or your friends; Blake and Weiss would react to that."

Ruby Rose: "Probably harshly, i think?"

Lotus 21: "Yeah, but don't worry, i bet they'd love you like i do."

Ruby Rose "Exactly like you?"

Lotus 21: "Okay, maybe not 'exactly', but you know what i mean."

Ruby Rose: "Hehehe...i know! just kidding!"

> Both Lotus and Ruby soon found themselves on the bed, watching "Arthur's Perfect Christmas".

Lotus 21: "You know? Muffy should really learn to listen."

Ruby Rose: "Defintely...relationships are built upon trust and listening."
Lotus 21: "Like you and *me*?"
Ruby Rose: "That goes without saying."
Lotus 21: "Sorry, it's just...i feel like i don't listen to you when it *matters*."
> Ruby Rose turned to Lotus and kneeled on the bed, looking down on the*m*.
Ruby Rose: "Well, here's another time i have to 'nip this in the bud' as the saying goes."
Lotus 21: "What do you *mean*?"
Ruby Rose: "You know what i *mean*. Lotus 21, you do listen to *me* when it *matters*, even when it doesn't, that's the kind of person you are, you're caring, e*m*pathetic and kind."
Lotus 21: "Yeah but *lately*, i've been kinda passive-aggressive with so*me* people."
Ruby Rose: "And so*meti*mes that's okay. There are people out there that take advantage of others."
Lotus 21: "Do get taken advantage of?"
Ruby Rose: "So*meti*mes, but i try to let that person know i'*m* not their servant, in a nice way of course."
Lotus 21: "Thank you, Ruby Rose."
> Ruby laid back down by Lotus' side.
Ruby Rose: "You're very welco*me*, Lotus 21."
> Lotus and Ruby cuddled together, still watching the special.
Lotus 21: "Oh, that pack i bought..."
> Lotus opened the pack of Yugioh cards but no Dark Magician Girl in sight.
[Later: Dec 25 - 7:00AM]
> Lotus woke up to the sound pancakes being *m*ade.

Ruby Rose: "Wakey wakey sleepyhead! it's christmas!"
Lotus 21: "Oh, right, here's your present, my cute rose."
> Ruby opened p the gift; a pack of 10 marvel comics that they bought at Rosie's.
Lotus 21: "Like them?"
Ruby Rose: "I...i love them! now open my gift, please!"
> Lotus opened their gift; 3 packs of Yugioh cards and 3 packs of baseball cards.
Lotus 21: "Thank you, Ruby."
Ruby Rose: "I know you've been looking for a Dark Magician Girl, so i wanted to help."
Lotus 21: "So...you're not jealous?"
Ruby Rose: "Why would i be jealous?"
Lotus 21: "I...don't know, the guys down at the games shop said you would be."
Ruby Rose: "Again, why?"
Lotus 21: "Eh, let's just forget about it."
Ruby Rose: "Okay, come on, see if you got her."
> Lotus opened up the packs...and found it.
Lotus 21: "There...there she is; Dark Magician Girl."
[Lotus Gained: Dark Magician Girl]
Lotus 21: "Thank you so much, Ruby, i love you."
Ruby Rose: "I love you, too."

[End Story]

- Author's Note -

[Lotus Log #03]

In case you can't tell; I love Ruby Rose. She's means a lot to me. All my life I had difficulties connecting to people in reality but I don't with fictional ones from anime and video games. I know that makes me sound like a loser but that's just the way I am. Anyway; Q&A time!

Q: What's your favorite game?
A: If I have to choose just one; Stardew Valley.

Q: What's your favorite anime?
A: Neon Genesis Evangelion, Shinji doesn't deserve the hate.

Q: Who's your favorite character?
A: You know who; Ruby Rose from RWBY.

Q: Who's the best girl?
A: Ruby Rose...Duh.

Q: Who's the best boy?
A: Sly Cooper.

Q: Who's the best enby?
A: Sailor Uranus.

Q: What game have you been meaning try?
A: The Witcher.

[Later]